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Dallas, Tex., March 19 (AP)- A federal judge sent the Jack Ruby sanity-lawyer dispute case back to state courts today after hearing a lengthy monologue from Ruby about lawyers and conspiracies.

The ruling by U.S. Judge T. Whitfield Davidson in effect rejected a claim by the Texas Civil Liberties Union and lawyers for Ruby's family that the defendant's civil liberties were being violated.

Ruby, as he returned to his Dallas County jail cell, commented: "Nothing satisfied me. So what good did it do? You can't win."

Judge Davidson turned the case over to the administrative judge for the 1st administrative district of Texas, Judge Dallas Blankenship.

Blankenship said he would make no decisions on further hearings until he received a copy of Judge Davidson's ruling.

The family lawyers and the Civil Liberties Union:

-- Won in their efforts to have state Judge Joe B. Brown removed from the sanity hearing and a possible hearing on whether defense lawyer Joe Tonahill should be removed from the case.

-- Lost their effort to have Davidson specifically remove Tonahill.


-- Lost their attempt to have the federal courts take jurisdiction.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander said Judge Blankenship "will have to pick a judge other than Brown -- that's what Davidson said."

Ruby spoke for a half hour in an unusual, informal session.

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Dallas, March 19 (AP)- Jack Ruby spoke for a half hour in federal court today and, 16 months after he killed presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, he said: "Don't ask me what took place in my mind. I don't know."

Federal District Judge T. Whitfield Davidson gave Ruby permission to say whatever came to his mind. He told Ruby simply to stand and talk, that he would not need to be sworn in as a witness.

Ruby was brought to federal court after Davidson agreed to hear a motion by ~~Ruby's family attorneys~~ the Ruby family attorneys that he take jurisdiction away from the state court in which Ruby was convicted of murder and given a death sentence.

Basically, the family sought to have Davidson remove Joe Tonahill from the defense staff and to preside at a scheduled sanity hearing.

At more than one point in his rambling monologue, Ruby said, "I do not have legal counsel. I never had legal counsel."

Ruby, who has contended at various times that there is a conspiracy against Jews, asserted today that Tonahill, Phil Burleson, another defense attorney, and Dist. Atty. Henry Wade were in league against him.

He said Melvin Belli, who headed his murder trial defense staff, was a good man but was double-crossed. He did not expand on that.

Without being specific, Ruby said: "This is one of the worst conspiracies of the world. This is the most tragic thing in the history of the world." It was not clear what kind of conspiracy he meant, or whom it was against.

When Ruby first arose he said he was speaking as a person who doesn't (more) ny

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Before Rub spoken Tonahill cited reasons he believed he should
remain on the case.

He said he is the longest remaining and most active attorney
in litigation.

Referring to a Ruby family attorney, Sol A. Dann of Detroit,
Tonahill said Dann wants to "incorporate Jack Ruby. Sol Dann proposes
to be chairman of the board."

"We would not tolerate this. And that's when the trouble started."

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