

# Mother of Chicago Boy To Testify in Slaying Case

SUMNER, MISS., Sept. 10—  
(AP)—The mother of a Chicago Negro boy will testify at the trial of two white Mississippi men charged with kidnaping and murdering him.

Roy Bryant, 24, and his half-brother, J. W. Milam, 35, will stand trial September 19 on a charge of murdering 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till, who was visiting his uncle in Money, Miss.

William Henry Huff, attorney for the mother, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, said in Chicago she definitely would be on hand for the trial.

Huff said the fact that Mrs. Bradley had been put under subpoena as a State witness was assurance of satisfactory protection.

Earlier, Huff said he had asked the United States Justice Department to assign FBI agents to protect her during the trial. Mrs. Bradley also had asked for two Chicago detectives as bodyguards.

District Attorney Gerald Chatham, who will prosecute the case, called the bodyguard proposal "absurd."

"If they're trying to make a farce out of this trial, that's a good way to go about it," Chatham said. "We offered her any

reasonable protection. She won't need any at all, as far as that goes.

Chatham said a subpoena was issued to the mother as a routine matter. However, it can not be served on her unless she comes to Mississippi as it is not valid outside the State.

Chatham said last week he would like Mrs. Bradley to testify.

Meanwhile, Governor Hugh White formally assigned a special assistant attorney-general to help Chatham, at the district attorney's request.

"The people of Mississippi are anxious to see justice done in this case according to the law and the evidence," he said, "and as Governor I am glad to provide special counsel as evidence of our good faith in this prosecution."

Attorney-General J. P. Coleman, who will succeed White as Governor next January, earlier had named a former FBI agent, Robert B. Smith, III, of Ripley, special assistant attorney-general. The Governor then assigned him to the case.

Circuit Judge Curtis Swango will take the first step in prosecution of the case when he draws a special jury panel of 125 men Monday. Women do not serve on juries in Mississippi.