

2 Win Acquittal in Trial On Newark Garage Work

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NEWARK, April 26--Two men won directed verdicts of acquittal today on charges of conspiracy to defraud in the construction of the underground garage in Newark's Military Park. Similar motions on behalf of four other defendants were denied.

A concrete section of the garage collapsed in construction in 1960, allegedly because the concrete did not meet specifications. The garage was opened in July, 1961.

Superior Court Judge Walter H. Conklin dismissed the charges against Francis X. Keegan, president of the Newark Testing Laboratories, and Charles A. Meier, a technician for the concern. He ruled that the state had not made a prima facie case against them.

Similar motions were denied for the John P. Callaghan Company of Harrison, N.J., which furnished concrete mix for the garage; Michael D. Sprague, president of the company; Joseph DiRoma, a hopper man employed by the Callaghan concern, and Henry R. Agnew, an employe for Newark Testing.

The trial began April 15.

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