

POGEY BILL PLANS NEW BID FOR OFFICE

Bootlegger to Seek Old Post as Sheriff

With his six-year sentence for prohibition conspiracy suspended yesterday by Federal Judge Ritter, William C. "Pogey Bill" Collins, former Okeechobee county sheriff announced his intention of seeking the office of sheriff in his county in the next election.

Collins, convicted of loading railroad freight cars with liquor consignments for the north, lost an appeal from the six year penitentiary sentence. He surrendered last Thursday to the U. S. marshal, when notified that the appellate court mandate sustaining the lower court's decision had arrived.

Judge Ritter, in placing the former sheriff on probation for six years, said he believed that in this case, probation would be more beneficial than imprisonment.

Emory Akerman, assistant U. S. district attorney, opposed suspension of the sentence on the grounds that Collins was a law enforcement officer, sworn to uphold the law at the time of his indictment. Probation

was asked by W. F. Fox, probation officer.

Lee Brewer, Collins' former chief deputy and Fred Walton, convicted with Collins, had previously received suspended sentences. A second indictment charging Collins and Brewer with conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act was dismissed.

BEACH IS VOTING ON PUBLICITY TAX

A light vote is expected at Miami Beach today where freeholders will decide whether an additional mill is to be levied for publicity purposes to bring in approximately \$32,000 extra for the beach publicity and advertising fund.

The referendum on the charter change, which was approved in a recent act of the legislature, would double the publicity and advertising millage and swell the fund from \$39,000 to some \$71,000.

With voting restricted to property owners, a comparatively light vote is expected in the one polling place in the Miami Beach city hall.

SOLON PARDONED

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(A)—President Roosevelt granted an unconditional pardon to Rep. Francis H. Schoemaker (F.-L., Minn.), who served a term in Leavenworth penitentiary in 1929, thereby restoring his full citizenship rights.