Medina Case Witness Wins Plea on Contempt

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ATLANTA, Aug. 30 (UPI) —The Army's prosecution of Capt. Ernest L. Medina in the Mylai killings received an apparent setback today when Federal District Judge Charles A. Moye ruled that a reluc tant witness could not be cited for contempt until im munity statutes were ruled upon.

The witness, Frederick Wil mer, a former soldier, of Lower Burrell, Pa., had twice refused to testify in Captain Medina's court-martial on grounds of self-incrimination. The military judge, Col. Kenneth A. Howard, cited Mr. Widmer for contempt, but was overruled today by Judge Moye.