Willis Urges Boundary Rule For Tidelands

BATON ROUGE (UPI) — The first step toward settling the question of ownership of Louisiana tidelands is establishing a coastline for Louisiana, Congressman Edwin Willis said Tuesday.

Willis told Gov. Jimmie H. Davis and the Legislative Tidelands Committee Negotiations with the federal government in the dispute over who owns a large portion of the offshore area cannot move ahead until the baseline is established.

"Once the baseline problem is settled, the Congressional delegation will move forward with an equal boundaries bill which would give Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama 10½ miles, just like the Supreme Court gave Texas..." Willis said.