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Form 8-K  
August 29, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 29, 2006  
(August 25, 2006)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	000-32535	37-1406661
State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On August 25, 2006, First BancTrust Corporation entered into an agreement to acquire a branch located in Rantoul, Illinois from an unaffiliated financial institution. As part of the acquisition, First BancTrust will assume approximately \$12 million in deposits. First BancTrust anticipates that the branch purchase will close late in the fourth quarter of 2006 or early in the first quarter of 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: August 29, 2006

/s/Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer