

FIRST BANCTRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

**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): October 23, 2008 (October 21, 2008)  
First BancTrust Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation

**000-32535**  
(Commission  
File Number)  
**101 South Central Avenue, Paris, IL 61944**

**37-1406661**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
**(217) 465-6381**

(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 (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

First BancTrust Corporation (the Company) held its special meeting of stockholders on October 21, 2008 to consider its previously announced going private transaction. The Company reports that the transaction was approved by the requisite vote of the stockholders of the Company in accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. The transaction occurred on October 22, 2008 (the Effective Time), upon the effectiveness of the filing of the certificate of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. As a result, as of the Effective Time, (i) each share of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, held of record by a stockholder who owned, as of the close of business on October 21, 2008, fewer than 250 shares of common stock was converted into the right to receive \$11.00 in cash from the Company; and (ii) each share of the common stock held of record by a stockholder who owned, as of such date, 250 or more shares of common stock was not affected by the merger and remains outstanding. The new trading symbol for the Company's common stock following the transaction is FIRT.

**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: October 23, 2008

/s/ Terry J. Howard  
Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer