

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 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):  
DECEMBER 19, 2008

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-13368  
(Commission File Number)

37-1103704  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1515 CHARLESTON AVENUE  
MATTOON, IL  
(Address of principal executive offices)

61938  
(Zip Code)

(217) 234-7454  
(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Incorporated by reference is a letter to shareholders issued by the Registrant on December 19, 2008, attached as Exhibit 99, providing information concerning the Registrant's recent actions.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 – Letter to shareholders.

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SIGNATURE

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 MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: December 19, 2008

/s/ William S. Rowland

William S. Rowland  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit	Number Description
99	Letter to Shareholders