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> 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 12, 2004 (August 10, 2004)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944 _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

> (217) 465-6381 _____

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated August 10, 2004

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issued by First BancTrust Corporation

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The following information, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

On August 10, 2004, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to report its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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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 10, 2004 /s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 10, 2004 /s/ Ellen M. Litteral

Ellen M. Litteral

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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