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Form 8-K  
January 06, 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):  
January 6, 2006 (December 30, 2005)

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.)

206 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)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On December 30, 2005, First BancTrust Corporation ("First BancTrust")

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entered into Plan Share Award Agreements with each of its current directors providing for the award of 1,500 shares of First BancTrust common stock each, subject to performance and vesting requirements set forth in the agreement. Awards of 6,000 shares and 5,000 shares, respectively, were made to First BancTrust's President and CEO, Terry Howard, and First BancTrust's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Ellen Litteral, along with similar awards to approximately a dozen other officers of First BancTrust. The form of agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and its terms are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

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10.1 Form of Plan Share Award Agreement

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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: January 6, 2006

/s/ Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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