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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): February 27, 2006 (February 23, 2006)

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

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

000-32535

37-1406661

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

(217) 465-6381 (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))

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ITEM 2.02 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 February 23, 2006, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to report its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2006 issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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: February 27, 2006 /s/Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard

President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2006 issued by First BancTrust Corporation