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April 21, 2005

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): April 21, 2005
(April 18, 2005)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

(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

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On April 18, 2005, First BancTrust Corporation ("First BancTrust"), a Delaware corporation, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement") with Rantoul First Bank, S.B. ("Rantoul"), an Illinois chartered state savings bank, which provides for the merger of an interim Illinois savings bank to be formed by First BancTrust with and into Rantoul, with Rantoul being the surviving entity in the merger. Following the merger, Rantoul will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of First BancTrust. In connection with the Merger Agreement, First BancTrust entered into a voting agreement with the

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individual directors and executive officers of Rantoul pursuant to which they agreed to vote the shares of Rantoul common stock they own in favor of the merger. The voting agreement covers approximately 9.8% of the outstanding shares of Rantoul common stock.

A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, the form of Voting Agreement and a Press Release, dated April 18, 2005, issued by First BancTrust relating to the merger are attached hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

2.1	Agreement and Plan of Reorganization among First BancTrust Corporation and Rantoul First Bank, S.B. dated April 18, 2005
10.1	Form of Voting Agreement
99.1	Press Release, dated April 18, 2005.

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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: April 21, 2005

/s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard
President and Chief Executive Officer

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