

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 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):  
SEPTEMBER 29, 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:

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- 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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 29, 2008, First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. (“the Company”) entered into an Executive Employment Agreement, effective October 1, 2008 and continuing for three years, until September 30, 2011, with John W. Hedges under which Mr. Hedges agrees to continue to serve as President of First Mid Bank (the “Hedges Agreement”). Under the Hedges Agreement, Mr. Hedges will receive an annual base salary of \$173,000 and will continue to participate in the Company’s Incentive Compensation Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan. The Hedges Agreement also provides Mr. Hedges with severance benefits in the event of the termination of his employment under certain circumstances and contains certain confidentiality and non-competition and non-solicitation provisions.

The Hedges Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) None required
- (b) None required
- (c) None required
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 – Employment Agreement between First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. and John W. Hedges effective October 1, 2008.

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.

Date: October 1, 2008

/s/ William S. Rowland

William S. Rowland  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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