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January 10, 2002

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 10, 2002

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)

0-13368
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

37-1103704
(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1515 CHARLESTON AVENUE, MATTOON, IL 61938
(ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(217) 234-7454
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Item 5. Other Events

On January 10, 2002, the Registrant entered into a definitive agreement to acquire all of the issued and outstanding stock of The Checkley Agency, Inc., an insurance agency headquartered in Mattoon, Illinois ("Checkley"). The closing of this acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions. In order to facilitate this acquisition, the Registrant has elected to become a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. After this acquisition is completed, Checkley will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant.

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.

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FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: January 10, 2002

By: /s/ William S. Rowland

William S. Rowland
President and Chief
Executive Officer