



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 4, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. Michael L. Taylor
Chief Financial Officer
First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.
1421 Charleston Avenue
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Re: First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010
Filed March 3, 2011
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2011
Filed November 9, 2011
File No. 000-13368

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh West

Hugh West
Accounting Branch Chief