Sherman left Memphis on 20 December, collected Steele's division along the way, reached the Yazoo River on 26 December, assaulted Chickasaw Bluffs on 29 December and was repulsed.

Grant left Bolivar on 2 November, advancing on Oxford and establishing bases as shown. But the combination of Forrest's and Van Dorn's raids forced Grant to withdraw, starting 21 December 1862. By then he also was prepared to abandon the overland route and move by water to concentrate at Vicksburg.

McClernand captured Arkansas Post on 11 January 1863.