By 13 May Pemberton assembled 23,000 troops at Edward's Station, but his thrust toward Raymond to strike Grant's line of communications miscarried.

Limit of Union Advance
7 May

Limit of Union Advance
11 May

McClernand and McPherson crossed on 30 April at Bruinsburg; Sherman crossed at Grand Gulf on 7 May.

After 11 May, McClernand's corps followed Sherman's, occupying Clinton, Raymond and Dillon's; while Sherman and McPherson drove Johnston out of Jackson.

The bayous were crossed by means of bridges mostly constructed of material found in the vicinity. Some were over 600 feet long. After 1 May many of the bayous dried up and were no longer major obstacles.