ACROSS
1  Customer with a legal right in court (6)
4  They set off, but get no place (4-4)
9  Mint that is replanted eventually? (2,4)
10  What we eat during Lent? (4,4)
11  Gloomy doctor having a bad year (6)
12  Liable to get broken English with unusual dialect (8)
13  Advocates prohibition (3)
14  Stay aound with the French in order to eat (6)
17  Jokes with southern friends (7)
18  Embark on an expedition – or an explanation (3,5)
19  Head south for the main cities (8)
20  Bachelor always on time for a drink (8)
22  A leader of Zulus in tough venture (6)
23  Support the Spanish cast (6)
24  Immediate aim (6)
25  Happen to have one over the eight, we hear (6)

DOWN
1  Issue needing to be raised (8)
2  Unsettled on a flight (2,3,3)
3  Could be ten and more rules man has broken (8)
5  He has the people behind him (6)
6  Get on a bit better (6)

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