

off their liabilities in we
not imitate. Had he a
profession, he might long
enough to pay all he owed
passion for improvements, ^{even} speculation,
perhaps, by which he hoped to achieve his ends
more promptly than by the routine of his
profession; and in these hopes he has, as usual,
been disappointed. Now, that he has erred,
I doubt not, but that he has intended to do
what was best for his creditors is unquestionable.

His intentions, however, do not ^{trick} his cred-
itors; and he has recently turned
to the details of his private business
of the Company which has so long
which I am now settling
setting him more free to attend
He has imperfect titles to large
most of which will mature
then they will be valuable as
present they will bring nothing
acres of land in Repugio County, to which the title
has been perfected by law, & this he recently

\$3 per acre, although he
it would bring him \$10.
he is anxious to have the cash
ing demands, of which he con-
sider this debt to you one. That he will shortly
be able to command the means to pay it, I doubt
though I hope; but that he is abundantly solvent
and designs to pay it, and that it will be paid
eventually, whether he lives to do it or not, I do
not doubt. When recently at Jackson I obtained
from Col. Hunt the data needed to enable me to
re-estate ^{with} him, intending to take new notes,
secured by property which I know.
Austin next Monday and may
then I will close this business,
I will be shortly in Galveston
are probably till March. I may
March. Then I expect him to
perhaps to Europe on business.
ing to realize from his property the
liabilities; but if it be now sacrificed,
it will pay little of what he owes. It is evidently the
interest of his creditors to give him time.